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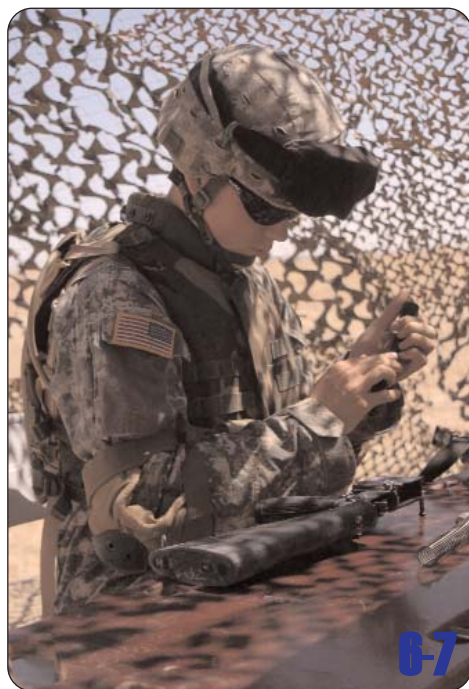
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Civilian warriors are our partners, advisors, mentors

Lt. Gen.

R. Steven Whitcomb

Third U.S. Army/ARCENT/CFLCC
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The gentleman was laid to rest without pomp or ceremony. Though his family was present, there were no military awards or honors. The newspaper ran a basic biography, with no mention of unit or service associations. Yet he died doing a job that also served and furthered his country's national interest. The sadness and gratitude of his comrades would be deep and lasting. "He" was a civilian in Iraq.

My purpose today is to voice my support and appreciation for our "Soldiers-in-Slacks". You have heard me use that term since I took command of Third Army to refer to our civilian work force, both our DOD civilians as well as our contractors. These men and women don't usually get the same recognition as our uniformed service members so I want to recognize their value to what we do as a team and point out some facts about their service.

America has never fought a war like this one, where the enemy is nowhere and everywhere. It is a war without a front, where the burdens and sacrifice of combat are shared by military and civilian alike. And many civilians do jobs once performed by Soldiers—some have called this our first "outsourced" war. Civilians provide much crucial help, including forming the backbone of our logistical support systems.

Because there are some things

that only the military should do, the majority of our personnel are servicemembers. But our operations could not function without these Soldiers-in-Slacks. The Brookings Institute estimates that ten percent of U.S. personnel in theater are civilians—if you added in sub-contractors employing a legion of men and women from around the world, I think it would be much higher.

In previous wars, there were always civilians in traditional support roles like cooking, laundry, supporting systems and transportation. There still are, but now we can add training, translation, security, intelligence, driving, maintenance of even more highly technical pieces of equipment, and more, to the list of war fighting enablers and services assigned to civilians.

Guys like Robert Porter, one of our DOD civilians who has served in this theater since 2002 as the Army Material Command representative, helped establish the conditions for OEF and OIF support and served as the continuity for countless military leaders.

In addition, contracting can sometimes save us money or time by allowing us to tap into the private sector for skills and manpower we lack. Some experts believe that private industry's faster-paced innovation can better help transform our military to the next level of warfare.

While our DOD civilians have authority to manage military personnel, civilian contractors don't. However, we consider them to be partners, team members and

advisors.

Many of our Soldiers-in-Slacks are very patriotic and service-oriented. "I volunteered to come over here so a Soldier back home does not have to" said Tom Schwind, a retired Air Force Master Sergeant and winner of a recent TRANSCOM award for excellence at Camp Arifjan. "Just because you wear a uniform does not mean you're the only one who plays" he added.

Bob Barlow, a civilian with over two years service in Kuwait with a company employing 4,800 in theater, sees seamless teamwork in everything he does with the military. "We all remark about the great relationship we enjoy with the coalition forces deployed to Kuwait...I appreciate the opportunity to point out that we are one team, in one fight!"

Contracting firms are usually selective, and may hire only a small percentage of applicants. Many have military training and experience like Matt Stacker, recipient of a TRANSCOM Civilian of the Year award for his work as an Arifjan logistician and who was a major in the Army Reserve.

Here in Kuwait, we have many outstanding security guards. They enhance our force protection, free up Soldiers to fight in the field and make it possible for units to return home on time. In our dining facilities, the civilian workforce takes great pride in bringing us a special Thanksgiving meal or Christmas dinner. Mary Messina, our Red Cross Director, leads a small team of Red Cross workers that



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fills a critical role. And I could go on and on.

Like any large organization, you have some great workers and a few "not so great". I have found folks very quick to get rid of those that can't or won't hack it but my observation is the overall performance of our civilians has been excellent.

They all work in the same intense and stressful situations as we do as Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coasties—hence the name Soldiers-in-Slacks. Some may get paid more or live differently but that's life, and which we have little control. In Iraq and Afghanistan, many have also paid the ultimate price. I respect that and would encourage that you too visit the Memorial here at Arifjan erected by KBR in memory of their 60+ members who have been killed in the line of their duties. I strongly suggest and ask that you join with me in showing respect and appreciation for all of our teammates, including our Soldiers-in-Slacks. PATTON'S OWN.



Georgians roll-over on HEAT, C-IED training

Spc. Janine Coogler
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

More than 500 Georgian soldiers began their month-long training at the Udairi Range and Camp Virginia March 27.

Divided into platoons, the Georgian soldiers began counter improvised explosive device training, driver's training and Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer training. Each platoon rotated their training through the range, driver's training, HEAT and a full day of classroom lectures such as culture awareness, criminal detention rules and regulations classes.

This Georgian battalion is the first Coalition country to complete HEAT.

"We want to provide all training to assist the Coalition countries in their missions," said Staff Sgt. Gerald Naidu, HEAT non-commissioned officer in charge.

The training is a Coalition Forces Land Component Command prototype as a proactive measure to reduce injuries in rollover accidents.

According to

monmouth.army.mil, approximately 250 Soldiers have been severely injured in rollovers since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The HEAT prototype is a humvee cab mounted to an elevated M-1 engine maintenance stand raised on a trailer. The attached motor can turn the device 180 degrees in either direction.

Ran by Task Force Gator Soldiers, the HEAT gave valuable information to Georgian troops on exactly what to do in the event of a vehicle rollover, Naidu said.

During the simulation, soldiers had to learn to communicate and stay calm while being disoriented.

"It teaches team building and how to survive when dealing with various elements," he explained. "The training provides them with the know-how to react and think during life-threatening situations."

Just as in U.S. Army training, the Georgian soldiers went through the crawl, walk and run phases of training.

First, they practiced opening the combat lock doors, Naidu said. "This way, it is muscle memory so they can escape the vehicle once it rolls over."

Second, the cab is tilted to a 30-degree angle, and TF Gator Soldiers check to ensure the gunner, driver and passengers assume the correct position.

Last, the cab is positioned upside down and the Georgians escape the vehicle.

Although there was a communication barrier, it was overcome with help on both sides. TF Gator Soldiers took their time communicating instructions and used hand signals to assist the Georgian translators.

In addition to the HEAT, the Georgians received driver's training, where they learned how to



Photo by Spc. Janine Coogler

Georgian soldiers watch the cab rotate 30 degrees.

conduct humvees and five-ton truck maintenance. After the instruction, they were able to drive the vehicles around the training course which has on and off-road conditions.

The training provides the troops an opportunity to focus on their missions and become more familiar with equipment they will use, said Maj. Richie, TF Gator country officer.

Naidu added, the HEAT is simply another opportunity offered to Coalition countries that better the survival of troops in Iraq.

Portable ramps move equipment, not troops

Sgt. Crystal Rothermel
143rd TRANSCOM PAO

Downloading equipment onto the flatbeds of trucks is often a difficult task, made easier, however, thanks to a Soldier's "Wilhoite ramp" invention.

Developed by Capt. Derrick Wilhoite, 143rd Transportation Command engineer, these new, neon orange and portable pieces of equipment help Soldiers perform this strenuous task with ease.

Wilhoite ramps are designed to move to troops instead of troops moving to them, Wilhoite said. After months of watching troops struggle to download equipment from stationary ramps and onto the flatbeds of their trucks, he decided there had to be another way.

The design process began in November with a vision of a product that would move the wheels of a ramp instead of troops and

containers of goods.

"The advantage to this ramp is that you don't have to have it in one place," the inventor said. They are safer to use and enable Soldiers to do more in less time.

The 143rd engineer joined forces with a Kuwait company to construct his invention. They are now making two 8 and 12-foot ramps that will assist units with moving vehicles and equipment.

While the ramps will be located at the Kuwait Naval Base and Seaport of Debarkation, they are mobile and can be used at other camps as well.

Wilhoite's ramps are not limited to Soldiers in Kuwait. The ramps can be purchased by members of the armed forces as well as civilian customers.

In the eyes of its creators, the ramp is not only a big step toward increased safety and more efficient practices, but also an example of fine engineering support.



Capt. Derrick Wilhoite

A Soldier guides a vehicle onto a new portable Wilhoite ramp which is designed to help servicemembers spend less time moving their trucks and more time downloading equipment onto flatbeds.

"Brave troops win battles, but the logistic support wins a war," said John Garufi, president of the Kuwait company. "The Wilhoite ramps are one of the many pieces of the logistic support puzzle."



Photos by Spc. Janine Coogler

Gen. Dan McNeill, U.S. Forces Command commanding general, and Lt. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb, Third U.S. Army/ARCENT/CFLCC commanding general, review tactical movement with counter-IED lanes at Udairi Range.

FORSCOM command examine Counter-IED training

Spc. Janine Coogler
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

U.S. Army Forces Command commanding general and command sergeant major visited Udairi Range and Camp Buehring March 28 to review theater operations and training.

Gen. Dan McNeill and Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Carey took a tour of the counter improvised explosive device training course and evaluated the pros and cons of the training.

"Udairi is one of the top training courses we have," McNeill said. "The course provides scenarios which will help Soldiers in Iraq."

"We've had improvements on things that have been done for quite some time," explained Lt. Gen. Whitcomb, Third U.S. Army/U.S. Army Forces Central Command/Coalition Forces Land Component Command commanding general. "We linked with team members to look at what is being done to get the latest skill set for our Soldiers."

Troops returning from Iraq have gone through the lanes to offer input on better ways to simulate IEDs, said Brig. Gen. Nolan Bivens, CFLCC C-3 and assistant chief of staff.

"The feedback is essential because the

enemy is forever changing its ways to attack Soldiers with IEDs," Bivens explained.

Through the feedback, the course has been able to give incoming Soldiers possible signals or warning signs that other troops might have missed before.

In addition to learning about the simulated IED course, McNeill was shown the tactical movement with Counter-IED. Troops learn the fundamentals of convoy operations to avoid and escape IEDs.

After observing a platoon go through the lanes, Whitcomb and McNeill listened to the after action review to observe what the Soldiers learned.

During the review a few explosive ordnance disposal Soldiers returning from Iraq offered advice to the incoming troops.

"You must take advantage of the time you have here," Whitcomb advised the troops. "These EOD Soldiers are fresh out of combat and have valuable input to help you out."

As troops come and go to Iraq, they obtain information to help them during their missions, McNeill said. Now we have to make sure this information is going back to the training before troops deploy.

The training camps back home need to use this information to keep all Soldiers up-to-speed and prepared for deployment, he said.

In addition to observing the counter-IED



While touring the training course, McNeill and Whitcomb observed soldiers conducting convoy operations.

training and procedures, the FORSCOM command reviewed CFLCC operations.

McNeill added, although the enemy is constantly changing its forms or ways to attack, it is the training and knowledge of the enemy that saves lives and keeps the U.S. military strong and capable to succeed in its mission.



It doesn't take U.S. combat

Spc. Michael R. Noggle
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

It started off with 82 contestants, and finished with six.

No, it's not this year's *American Idol* competition, but it had participants leaving exhausted and disappointed.

Soldiers in the combat medical field around Kuwait traveled to Camp Buehring to test for the Expert Field Medical Badge March 27 through April 1.

"This is the first EFMB competition done in Kuwait," said Lt. Col. John Farr, EFMB course director. "It's a chance for all medics to come out to the field to practice and get trained not only on the medical skills, but skills of soldiering as well."

The course standards meet all the requirements of competitions conducted in a non-deployed environment. In addition, it was the first time in the competition that Soldiers were required to go through the testing in interceptor body armor.

"Being a medic in the field is not an easy task," he said. "We put Soldiers under stress during training so they'll know how to perform when they're doing the real thing up north."

According to Farr, the success rate of the written exam is 50 percent, while the historical pass rate of the EFMB competition is 18 percent.

Aside from a written exam and the tasks of combat medics, each participant was tested on performing function checks for the M-16 rifle and M-9 pistol, day and night land navigation, responding to a chemical attack, reacting under fire

Take an expert to be a medic ... or does it? Combat medics test for EFMB

to treat a patient and then calling in a medical evacuation.

"You train as best you can in the most realistic situations and put stressors on the candidates," Farr said. "They'll get down to performing real life and they'll do a better job."

"I'm not used to getting all that hands-on combat training," said Spc. Nathan Anguita, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment field medic.

He added that not only did the course tune up his book smarts but the physical conditioning pushed medics to their limits.

Of the original 82 Soldiers who began the event, only 22 made it through the written exam on the first day.

"Mentally, it was very difficult," said 1st Lt. Leanne Masserini, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Medical Brigade. "I had to study a lot."

Those who survived the exam were just getting started. Over the next five days, the book knowledge was put into action out in the field; a failure to complete a test meant an early trip back to the tents.

"There were a lot of little details you could screw up," Anguita said. "The pressure is on memorizing the correct procedures... It's actually been more physically challenging than I thought it would be."

"Each night I think of what I am doing the next day and what I need to accomplish," Masserini said. "Take it one day at a time or one mistake will get you."

Anguita and Masserini said the litter obstacle course put the most strain on them.

Four-man teams were required to carry a 180-pound patient more than 750 meters through diverse terrain features while encountering enemy fire.

"There are a lot of physical aspects that go into the event," Farr said. "Going through the obstacle



Photos by Spc. Michael R. Noggle

Spc. Kyle Clayton rushes for cover as simulated insurgents fire in his direction.



Spc. Adam Smith, HHC, 1st Bn., 6th Inf., prepares a landing zone for the medical evacuation of wounded patients.

course in the desert with an IBA is physically challenging."

On the fifth day, those remaining in the fight completed a 12-mile road march as the final test. As the six Soldiers crossed the finish line, they were met by the cadre and staff who put them through the challenge.

"If the competition wasn't like this, they wouldn't call it the EMFB," Anguita said. "We had to take the punches as they came... This is the hardest thing I've done, both mentally and physically."

(Far left) Spc. Kyle Clayton camouflages his face as one of the tasks he had to perform.



(Above) Exhaustion was an understatement for Soldiers going through the litter obstacle course as Capt. Steve Dick (left) and Cpl. David Fernandez (right) carry their patient under barb-wire with teammates 1st Lt.'s Mike Line and Leanne Masserini. (Left) After high-crawling and rushing through the insurgent enemy-fire lane, Soldiers had to carry an unconscious patient out of the danger zone.

Hacking and slashing through bases around the world

Comedy team performs 99th show in Kuwait

Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

A little sword fighting, juggling and lots of humor set the stage for servicemembers at Camps Arifjan and Buehring to enjoy comedy-filled evenings March 23 and 24.

The comedy duo of John Davis and Spencer Humm, known as Hack and Slash, performed in Operation Swashbuckle. The rest of their "crime-fighting team known only as K.A.R.L." joined them. The team included the "world's greatest trickster," Todd Key, and the "chainsaw comedian," David Vanderveer.

The show was different than most for deployed servicemembers because it had a renaissance twist to it, complete with costumes and swords.

This is Hack's and Slash's sixth tour, Key's fourth and Vanderveer's first. Their show at Arifjan was their 99th show for servicemembers throughout Europe and Southeast Asia since 2001.

"It was very amusing," said Sgt. Jessica Mitchell, 1107th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot supply specialist. "My face hurts from laughing so hard."

Hack and Slash perform their Shakespearean comedy sword-fighting shows mainly at renaissance festivals. They have entertained audiences all over the world for 15 years with more than 3,000 performances.

Key has been entertaining audiences as one half of the juggling duo the Zucchini Brothers for more than 20 years. He has performed at birthday parties, renaissance festivals, corporate meetings and trade shows.

Vanderveer has performed thousands of shows at renaissance fairs, corporate meetings and colleges and universities.

He juggled on his unicycle and with fire while here, but he is most known for juggling running chainsaws.

There are three elements the team aims to accomplish on their tours, according to Humm: provide morale-boosting shows, bring smiles to the local nationals and inform people in the United States what it's like to be deployed.

"It's nice to be able to connect with the troops and get them to laugh," he said.

"As performers we love to get in front of any audience, but this one is particularly special," Davis added.

The performers say it's a privilege to be given the opportunity to perform in front of



Photos by Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

The crime-fighting team, known only as K.A.R.L., performed and met troops at Camps Arifjan and Buehring during their visit March 23 and 24.

deployed troops and are always surprised by all the gratitude they receive.

Humm said, the team is taken aback by the thanks they receive because they feel it's an honor to perform for the troops and think they are the ones that should be thankful.

"We'd like to thank the troops because without them we wouldn't have the opportunity to wear tights," Davis added.

The team said the most surprising thanks came on a tour in Afghanistan.

"In Kandahar, after a show, a Marine said we were even better than when the Hooters girls came through," Key said as he chuckled.

This show wasn't any different for servicemembers – they thanked and admired the group.

"I respect them for coming out and supporting us out here, especially since they've been doing it for six tours," Mitchell said.

The team said it enjoys the trips and plans to continue to tour for the troops.

"It's been tremendous fun," Humm said. "Every day is an adventure. This has enriched our lives so much."

Hack and Slash completed the show by lying on a bed of 1,000 nails. Humm lay on the spikes while Davis smashed a concrete brick with a sledgehammer – taking two tries to break the brick on Humm's stomach. Afterward, Davis lifted Humm on his shoulders to the applause of the crowd.



Todd Key performs with the help of Hack and Slash, Spencer Humm (left) and John Davis during their show at Camp Arifjan. Key is most known for his juggling acts.

Sexual assault: threatening everyone, everywhere

Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

Every two and a half minutes someone is sexually assaulted in the United States, as calculated by the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network from the Bureau of Justice's 2004 National Crime Survey. The 2000 F.B.I. crime report reported a rape every five minutes in the United States.

"That's an alarming statistic," said Master Sgt. Joey Brown, Coalition Force Land Component Command human resources equal opportunity advisor. "Those are numbers we can't hide from and if every one of us would do our part to make a difference we will make a difference."

The Department of Defense has designated April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"This designation is to make sure we're aware of it, but you have to be focused (on prevention) all 12 months," Brown said.

Deployment doesn't change the threat.

"Sexual assault is a threat everywhere – usually done by someone you know – an acquaintance," Brown said. "In the theater, yes, we do have that threat."

Some servicemembers may think they're safe, but statistics show otherwise.

Approximately 70 percent of victims know their attacker, according to a 2003 National Crime Victimization survey, while a DoD annual report to Congress for 2004 stated 1,700 sexual assaults were reported in the military.

Of these, 123 occurred in Southwest Asia.

"Be aware of the unknown predator," Brown said.

He added, "You never know who that predator is and a lot of times it's going to be someone you know, somebody you work with, somebody you talk to every day or someone you never thought would be that kind of



April is designated by the Department of Defense as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In 2004, 123 sexual assaults were reported by troops deployed to Southwest Asia.

Courtesy graphic

person."

To limit the threat to individuals, Brown suggests knowing your surroundings and the people you hang around and staying in public, well-lit areas.

"If you really think about it,

most alleged criminals are usually cowards,"

Brown said. "They won't do anything out in public."

There are safety measures in place on Camp Arifjan and other military camps in Kuwait to prevent sexual assault, such as using the buddy system and lighting throughout the base.

"We do anything we can to stop someone who's going to try it," Brown said.

"Can you ever stop it 100 percent? I would like to think so, but realistically I don't think it will ever happen," he said.

Sexual assault incidents are handled in two ways – restricted and unrestricted. Unrestricted

incidents are reported to the military police for a full-blown investigation. Restricted reports are confidential and reported to a sexual assault response coordinator, chaplain, medical personnel or the unit victim advocate.

The forensic exam is kept one year in case the victim wants to start an investigation in the future, according to Brown.

Many victims are not emo-

tionally ready for a criminal investigation because of fear, embarrassment, shame and a sense of violation that may follow the assault, according to a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office pamphlet. It also states that immediate law enforcement action often deters the victims from stepping forward.

"Restricted (reporting) allows the servicemember to take control of the situation – to gain some kind of control over what they're doing," Brown said. "That control has been taken away from them, and we want to help them get it back. It's kind of like we're putting the process in their hands."

For more information on the sexual assault prevention and response program, visit www.sapr.mil.

16 songs, eight contestants, one champion

Arifjan Idol grand finale finishes in tune

Spc. Janine Coogler
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

Monday, also known as karaoke night, is a fun getaway for servicemembers to escape Camp Arifjan. Singers perform their favorite songs and entertain the audience with their vocals and dance moves.

Another favorite pastime, *American Idol*, is a popular reality TV contest that provides entertainment for viewers as artists compete for a record deal.

Combine the two, and you have Arifjan Idol; the first karaoke contest at Camp Arifjan.

Eight contestants belted out their favorite songs, danced and entertained the packed room during the Arifjan Idol Grand Finale March 27 at the Zone 1 Community Center.

Arifjan Idol was a nine-week contest. Throughout the weeks singers were narrowed from 16 contestants to eight finalists. Only one could walk away as champion.

"I know most of the contestants," said Sgt. Dustin Hester, a karaoke regular. "They are all talented people. It was a tough competition all the way through."

The finals of the contest consisted of two rounds. In each round the contestants sang a song of choice. The champion, Jeremie Wilson from 17th Field Artillery, was the finalist with the highest combined score from the two rounds.

"It was tough judging this competition because each person was talented in their own style of music," said Cmdr. John Lambert, Arifjan Idol judge. "It was close, and all of them are winners because they got on stage and entertained us all."

Wilson, who was diagnosed with bronchitis the morning of the finals, said he was amazed to have made it through the night.

"I am happy that the doctors were able to give me enough medicine to keep my voice together," he explained.

Arifjan Idol brought servicemembers together, filling the community center with laughter, cheers and camaraderie. Commanders, sergeants major and friends came to support the finalists.

"I definitely have to thank my unit for supporting me and cheering me on to win," Wilson explained.

After each contestant finished performing, the crowd gave a standing ovation.

"If you are here to support one, then you are here to support them all," said Collin West, Arifjan Idol disc jockey. "This is a friendly competition. We're here to have a good time and enjoy the songs."

Unlike "American Idol", Arifjan Idol did not have a Simon Cowell to entertain the audience with snide remarks. The contest had its own source of entertainment.

"I chose my songs and performances to make people laugh," said Tommy Miller as he explained his cross-dressing performance to *The Time Warp Dance*. "I do crazy stuff like that



During his performance, Jeff Hawk, also known as "the Duke", gets down while his guitarist mimics the melody.

all the time."

During the song, Miller peeled his clothes off to reveal a dress while singing and performing *The Time Warp Dance* with members of the audience.

Miller, a regular karaoke night entertainer, walked away as third runner-up and won the perfect attendance award because he came to every karaoke night.

"Karaoke is about fun," West said. "During this contest we have found eight of the finest voices Arifjan has to offer, and it has been great."

The variety of music styles, performance styles and vocals turned the normal karaoke night into an elaborately decorated, video recorded show for servicemembers to enjoy.

Community

happenings for April 5 through April 12

All Al Salem

For information call 442-2005

Arifjan

Wednesday

Bingo, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Community Center
Softball league, Zone 1 softball field, through April 30

Rock & Roll Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Thursday

Great Balloon race, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center
Ballroom dance class, 8 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Country Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Saturday

Texas Hold 'em tournament, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Community Center
ASG - Ku Track meet, 6 a.m., Zone 1 track
Pull-up competition sign-up, through April 21, Zones 1 and 6 Fitness Centers

Sunday

ASG - Ku track meet, 10 a.m., Zone 1 track
Patriotic World Tour, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage
Pinewood Car Derby, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Monday

Karaoke Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Tuesday

Singing in the Shower Karaoke, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage
Bingo, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center
Ballroom dance class, 8 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

For more information call

430-1205/1302

Buehring

Wednesday

Weekly fun run, 5 p.m., Zone 2 Green Beans

Texas Hold 'em, 7 p.m., Oasis
Softball league, through April 30

Thursday

Pool tournament, 9-ball, 7 p.m., Recreation Center

Friday

Bingo Night, 7 p.m., Events tent

Saturday

Hotdog eating contest, 7 p.m., MWR stage

Squat contest, 5 p.m., gym

Operation Hardwood tryouts, through Monday

Sunday

Tug of war 4 p.m., Theater courtyard
RC Monster truck races, 6 p.m., Udairi Speedway

Monday

Uno tournament, 7 p.m., Oasis

Tuesday

Chess and checkers, 7 p.m., Oasis

Wednesday

Weekly fun run, 5 p.m., Zone 2 Green Beans
Madden tournament, 7 p.m., Palms

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Kuwait Naval Base

Wednesday

Step Class, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room
Chess tournament, 7 p.m., Recreation Center

Thursday

Softball league registration and coaches meeting, 8 p.m., Fitness Center

Friday

Spin Class, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room
Bingo Night, 7 p.m., MWR stage
Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

Saturday

Tae Kwon Do, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room
Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

Sunday

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

Monday

Spin Class, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room
Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

Tuesday

Latin Dance Night, 7 p.m., Aerobics Room
Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

Wednesday

Step Class, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room
Foosball tournament, 7 p.m., Recreation Center

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

For more information call

839-1063

LSA

For information call 859-1060

Navistar

For information call 844-1137

Spearhead/SPOD

For information call 825-1302

Victory

Wednesday

Spa Day, 9 a.m., MWR dayroom
The Last Desert Bingo Night, 6 p.m., MWR dayroom

Operation Hardwood 2 players' bios due

Thursday

Final Barnyard horseshoes tournament, 3:30 p.m., MWR courts

Classic Rock and Country Night, 7 p.m., MFT

Friday

Texas Hold 'em, 6 p.m., MWR dayroom

Saturday

Hip-Hop and R&B Night, 8:30 p.m., MFT

Sunday

New movie marathon, 11 a.m., MFT

Monday

Spa Day, 9 a.m., MWR dayroom
1,000 pound club contest, 3:30 p.m., gym

Tuesday

Spa Day, 9 a.m., MWR dayroom
Bazaar, 9 a.m., MWR courts

Wednesday

Spa Day, 9 a.m., MWR dayroom
Bazaar, 9 a.m., MWR courts
Final ping pong championship, 3:30 p.m., MWR dayroom

For more information call

823-1033

Virginia

Wednesday

Chess, 7 p.m., Community Center
McDilly show, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Foosball, 7 p.m., Community Center
Karaoke Night, 8 p.m., Dusty Room

Friday

Ping pong, 7 p.m., Community Center
Karaoke Night, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

Saturday

Basketball tournament, 5 vs. 5, 6 p.m., Basketball court

Sunday

Old-school Jams, 8 p.m., Dusty Room

Monday

Checkers, 7 p.m., Community Center

Tuesday

Bingo, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

Wednesday

Backgammon, 7 p.m., Community Center

For more information call

832-1045

courage (kūr'ij, kūr'-) [Middle English *corage*, from Old French, from Vulgar Latin **coraticum*, from Latin *cor*, *heart*. See *kerd-* in Indo-European Roots.] *n.* The state or quality of mind or spirit that enables one to face danger, fear, or vicissitudes with self-possession, confidence, and resolution; bravery.

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Courage